

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, July 22, 2002

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

\_\_\_\_\_ **S. 2765.** A bill *to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to exclude availability pay for certain Federal law enforcement officers from the limitation on premium pay, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Voinovich

*Pages S 7164, S 7166*

\_\_\_\_\_ **S. 2767.** A bill *to enhance agricultural biosecurity in the United States through increased prevention, preparation, and response planning*; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\_\_\_\_\_ Akaka

*Pages S 7164, S 7166-69*

**S. 2770.** A bill *to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dodd

*Page S 7164, S 7170*

#### S. 812 - Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act:

*Senate resumed consideration of S. 812, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

*Pages S 7127, S 7134-58, D 796*

**A unanimous-consent agreement** was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, July 23, 2002. Further, that pursuant to the order of July 18, 2002, at 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on a motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Graham Amendment No. 4309; followed by a vote on a motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Hatch (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4310.

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#### Committee Meetings for Tuesday, July 23, 2002:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Committee on Appropriations:** @ 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee on District of Columbia, *business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, 2:30 p.m., SD-116.*

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**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** @ 9:30 a.m. Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the role of financial institutions in the collapse of Enron Corporation, focusing on the contribution to Enron's use of complex transactions to make the company look better financially than it actually was. SD-106.

*Pages D 800-1*

**Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 10:00 a.m. *To hold hearings to examine pending nominations. SR-325.*

**Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 2:00 p.m. To hold hearings on **S. 2480**, *to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.* SD-226.

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### HOUSE

### **Bills Introduced:**

**H.R. 5170.** A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require home health agencies participating in the Medicare Program *to conduct criminal background checks for all applicants for employment as patient care providers*; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Andrews

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**H.R. 5176.** A bill *to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Gibbons

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**H.R. 5177.** A bill *to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community under United States Court of Federal claims Docket Nos. 236-C, 236-D, 236-N, and 228*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

Hayworth

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**H.R. 5178.** A bill *to amend section 507(a) title 11 of the United States Code to increase, with respect to priority of payment, the aggregate amount of the claims of employees for compensation and benefits*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Shows

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### **Reports Filed:**

**Reports were filed today as follows:**

*Filed on July 19, conference report on H.R. 4775, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107-593);*

*Filed on July 19, H. Res. 495, in the Matter of James A. Traficant, Jr. (H. Rept. 107-594);*

**H.R. 3951**, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, amended (**H. Rept. 107-516, Pt. 2**).

Pages H 5086, D 797

### **Order of Business—H.R. 4775 - Defense and Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report:**

**Agreed that it may be in order at any time to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 4775**, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read.

Pages H 5027, D 798

### Suspensions:

**The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:**

***Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1209 - Child Status Protection Act:*** to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to determine whether an alien is a child, for purposes of classification as an immediate relative, based on the age of the alien on the date the classification petition with respect to the alien is filed--clearing the measure for the President.

*Pages H 4989-92, D 798*

***H.R. 3892 - Judicial Improvements Act: amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the judicial discipline procedures. [Text of bill included.]***

*Pages H 4994-98, D 798*

*"...We have written to the Chief Justice asking that the judicial conference consider implementing certain administrative changes that should improve the operations of the courts; and we have, furthermore, requested that the Federal Judicial Center conduct a study of complaint dispositions throughout the various circuits. Combined with H.R. 3892, I believe that these efforts will assist Federal judges in discharging their ethical responsibilities while better informing the Congress as to the effectiveness of the judicial misconduct statute which we are amending today..." (Coble, page H 4997)*

### Joint Meetings:

**Conferees on Friday, July 19, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3763,** to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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### Committee Meetings for Tuesday, July 23, 2002:

**Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m.** To mark up the following bills: **H.R. 1452**, *Family Reunification Act of 2001*; and **H.R. 4600**, *Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2002*. 2141 Rayburn.

**Committee on the Judiciary: @ 3:00 p.m.** *Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1203, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act of 2001.* 2141 Rayburn.

**Committee on Rules: @ 5:00 p.m.** *To consider the following: H.R. 4628, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003; and H.R. 4965, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002.* H-313 Capitol.

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: @ 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Subcommittee on Aviation, *hearing on Aviation Security.* 2167 Rayburn.

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:45 a.m., July 23, 2002.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., July 23, 2002.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos**